

[Translation]

Works and Speeches of Dr. Ambedkar

*359. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whethers the Government propose to publish the works and speeches of Dr. Ambedkar in Hindi and other Indian languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). There is a proposal to translate and publish the writings and speeches of Dr. Ambedkar in Hindi and other Indian languages, based on the material available in the English edition of the Government of Maharashtra's publications of the writings and speeches of Dr. Ambedkar. The proposal is being examined in consultation with the Deptt. of Culture and Directorate of Publications of the I & B Ministry.

[English]

Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

*360. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop/modernise the telephone exchanges in Andhra Pradesh during the Eighth Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The draft 8th Plan proposals envisage addition of around 6.5 lakh lines and replacement of around 1.90 lakh lines mostly by Electronic equipment during the plan period in Andhra Pradesh Telecom Circle which includes:

- Achieve fully automatic network by March 1994 by replacing all manual exchanges

Replace life expired and worn out switches as and when they become life expired

- Replace all strowger MAX-III exchanges by electronic exchanges (as part of the programme to provide national subscriber dialling to all exchanges)

- Provision of Subscriber Trunk Dialling facility to all exchanges

Profit/Loss made by N. F. D. C.

*361. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the profit and loss made by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) from the exhibition and sale of films during the six months commencing April, 1991; and

(b) the number of the countries from which films were imported and the amount paid to those countries by NFDC during the above period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):